

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

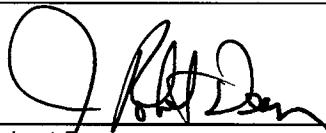
<i>Application Number:</i>	10/026,144
<i>Filing Date:</i>	December 21, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor:</i>	Christiaan Mets et al
<i>Group Art Unit:</i>	2161
<i>Examiner Name:</i>	Padmanabhan, K
<i>Attorney Docket Number:</i>	I20 02220US
<i>CUSTOMER NO.:</i>	00128

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	<b>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>	
a.	Previously submitted	
i.	_____	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii.	_____	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii.	_____	Other _____
b.	Enclosed	
i.	<u>XXXXX</u>	Amendment/Reply with transmittal
ii.	_____	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii.	_____	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449
iv.	_____	Other _____
2.	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
a.	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)	
b.	Other _____	
3.	<b>Fees</b> The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a.	<u>XXXXX</u>	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <b>01-0467</b> .
i.	<u>XXXXX</u>	RCE fee (\$810.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
ii.	_____	Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii.	_____	Other _____
b.	<u>XXXXX</u>	Check in the amount of \$ <u>810.00</u> (for RCE fee) is enclosed.
c.	_____	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

August 6, 2008  
Date of Signature



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